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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2007. The period for response expired on December 20, 2007. As such a one month extension of time is attached hereto, thereby extending the period for response until January 20, 2008, which fell on a weekend. Therefore, this response is being filed the next business day. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECFICATION